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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

## Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 23, 2004, please extend the period of time for response 3 months, to expire on July 23, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 23, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 4-10, 18, 19-22, 60-63 and 65-69, and the P710P polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 313, for examination at this time. Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the Preliminary Amendment below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.